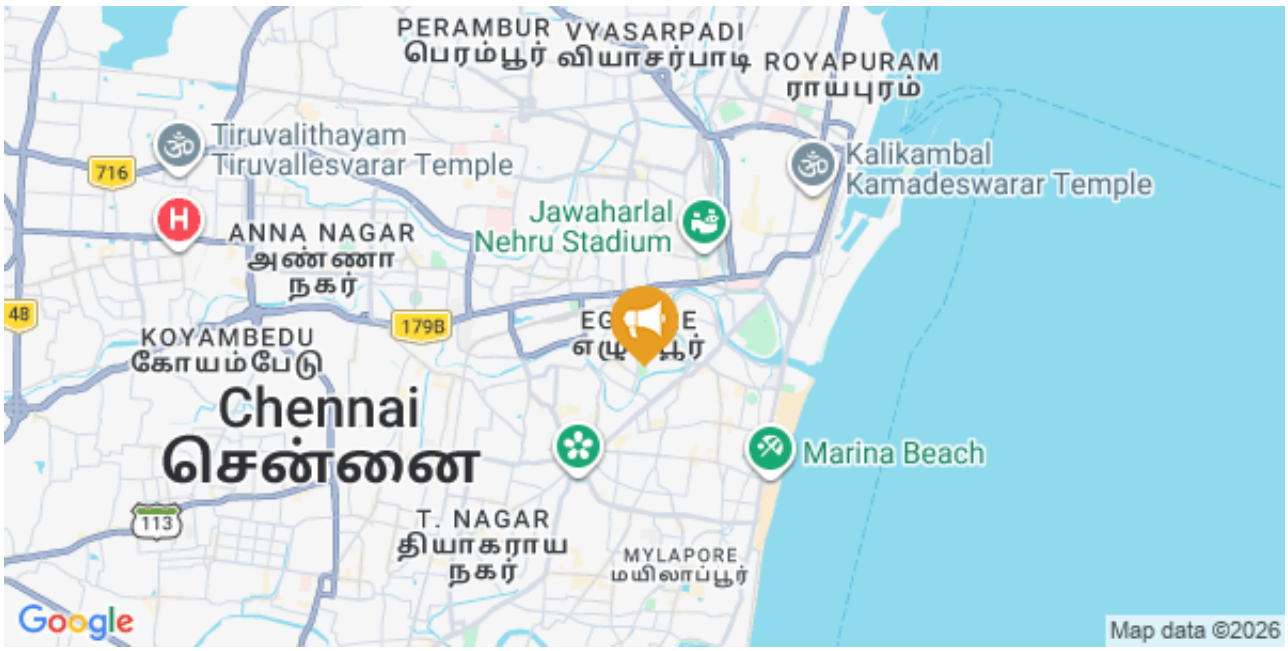
Protest



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India Alert: Protest slated near Rajarathinam Stadium in Chennai from 15:00 (local time) on September 21; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Members associated with the Mylapore Fund Aggrieved Depositors Association are slated to hold a protest near Rajarathinam Stadium in Egmore, Chennai from 15:00 (local time) on September 21.
- The protest will be held to urge the Tamil Nadu government to expedite the recovery and distribution of funds allegedly lost in a financial fraud involving Mylapore Hindu Permanent Fund Nidhi Limited (MHPFNL) and will also demand for the establishment of a fast-track court to hear the long-pending cases against MHPFNL chairman and managing director T. Devanathan Yadav.



Source: The Hindu

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protest will likely range between the mid-to-high dozens, given the expected participation of affected depositors. As per standard security protocol, the authorities will bolster security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned protest location. These measures will likely manifest through the deployment of additional police personnel and the installation of barricades to manage the gathering.
2. There remains a latent risk of localized scuffles between protesters and police personnel should demonstrators engage in disruptive activities, such as blocking roads, breaching established security cordons, or refusing police dispersal orders. In such cases, authorities are likely to respond with forcible crowd-control measures, including temporary detention and removal of protesters. Nevertheless, heavy-handed measures are likely to remain limited, given that an overwhelming majority of the protesters are expected to be senior citizens. Localized travel disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned location due to the slated demonstration on September 21.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Chennai on September 21 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Rajarathinam Stadium due to the slated protest and associated latent risk of scuffles, while allotting for travel disruptions.